GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LONAR CRATER
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Lonar Crater in Maharashtra, which is one of the five largest craters in the world has been declared as national monument by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);

(b) if so, whether the Government is aware that structure at Lonar Crater is in a dilapidated condition; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to renovate structure at Lonar Crater?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE(SHRI S.JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)to(c) No, Sir. The Lonar Crater is not a centrally protected monument under the ASI. However, fifteen temples/structures around the Crater are centrally protected, and are being maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India.